

# Born of Dreams— Inspired by Freedom

*From the sands of Kitty Hawk in 1903 to the outer edges of our solar system in 2003, no invention has made such an indelible imprint on our world as the airplane. Crafted by two ordinary men who were driven to achieve extraordinary results, the 1903 Wright Flyer represents an achievement of ingenuity, perseverance and courage. The Centennial of Flight celebrates the human desire for freedom, the power of dreams and the astonishing realities both can create.*



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## The U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission

In 1998, Congress created the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission to expand national and international interest in the commemoration of the centennial of powered flight. The Commission is coordinating a national outreach campaign and advising the President, Congress and federal agencies on the most effective ways to encourage and promote national and international participation in 2003.

The Centennial of Flight Commission's outreach plan includes support for marquee activities being planned by state commissions and organizations in North Carolina and Ohio, as well as across the country. Events include national symposiums, Wright Flyer tours and reenactments, special exhibits and new museum openings, spectacular air shows, festivals, and much more.

*Centennial of Flight: Born of Dreams – Inspired by Freedom*, is the national campaign celebrating a century of extraordinary stories and accomplishments. The campaign hopes to encourage the values that characterize flight's 100 years of history: ingenuity, inventiveness, creativity and courage.

The Commission is committed to providing educational material on the history and influence of flight and hopes to inspire a new level of enthusiasm for perseverance and determination in the quest for ingenuity. For more information on the national campaign and access to a comprehensive collection of educational materials and resources, visit our Web site: [www.centennialofflight.gov](http://www.centennialofflight.gov).

### Additional Web Sites of Interest

Visit these Web sites to learn more about Centennial of Flight activities, as well as the past 100 years of flight:

**Dayton Aviation Heritage** [www.nps.gov/daav](http://www.nps.gov/daav)  
**North Carolina Tourism** [www.visitnc.com](http://www.visitnc.com)  
**U.S. Air Force Museum** [www.wpafb.af.mil/museum](http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum)  
**Wright Brothers National Memorial** [www.nps.gov/wrbr](http://www.nps.gov/wrbr)  
**The Wright Experience** [www.wrightexperience.com](http://www.wrightexperience.com)  
**Wright State University Libraries** [www.libraries.wright.edu/special](http://www.libraries.wright.edu/special)

More aviation-related sites may be found on the "Related Links" section of the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission Web site at [www.centennialofflight.gov](http://www.centennialofflight.gov).

### Centennial of Flight Partners

The following organizations are notable participants of the *Centennial of Flight: Born of Dreams – Inspired by Freedom* national celebration.

**AIAA's Evolution of Flight Campaign** is designed to mark the 100th anniversary of powered flight; recognize the achievements of men and women who challenged history; and lay the groundwork for the next 100 years of innovation in aviation and space technology. The AIAA will honor individuals in aerospace history, encourage new talent in the sciences to ignite innovation in the aerospace industries and bring the leaders of the community together to shape a common vision for the future. Highlights of the campaign include: The International Air and Space Symposium and Exposition. The Next 100 Years., in Dayton, Ohio; 1903 Wright Flyer Tour and Exposition; Class of 2003 Ambassadors; graduate awards/student scholarships; student branch activities and a lecture series. [www.flight100.org](http://www.flight100.org)

The **Aviation Foundation of America**, in celebration of the centennial of flight, is sponsoring the re-creation of the National Air Tours (originally held every year from 1925 through 1931). Envisioned to include approximately 25 vintage aircraft and other golden-age aircraft representative of the progress of aviation, the tour will fly the 1932 route that was planned but never flown. Overall, the tour will fly more than 4,000 miles, visiting more than two dozen cities from Dearborn to Wichita, across the south to Kitty Hawk, Dayton and back to Dearborn. [www.nationalairtour.org](http://www.nationalairtour.org)

**Aviation Week's The Next Century of Flight** is dedicated to helping the global aerospace industry capitalize on the 100th anniversary of powered flight and position itself for generations to come. Since it was launched in 1998, *The Next Century of Flight* has connected with millions of professionals and enthusiasts around the world via original *Aviation Week* articles and essays, curriculum support for students and teachers, and related partner programs, all promoted by an integrated event and media marketing campaign. [www.aviationnow.com/NextCentury](http://www.aviationnow.com/NextCentury)

**EAA's** centennial celebration, *Countdown to Kitty Hawk presented by Ford Motor Company*, includes a series of activities to mark the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' achievement. The centerpiece of the celebration and a highlight of the Centennial events will be the flight of EAA's 1903 Wright Flyer reproduction – an accurate flying reproduction of the original – at Kill Devil Hills, N.C., on Dec. 17, 2003, 100 years to-the-minute of that remarkable first flight. Tom Poberezny, president and CEO of EAA, is a U. S. Centennial of Flight Commissioner and a nationally recognized authority on significant contributions to aviation and the 1903 Wright Flyer. [www.countdowntokittyhawk.org](http://www.countdowntokittyhawk.org)

The **Federal Aviation Administration** began incorporating Centennial of Flight themes in its Aviation Education program in 1998 – the 95th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first powered flight. The agency has a number of events planned across the country and is teaching aviation history and its own achievements in classrooms, at teacher workshops and in museums. FAA Administrator Marion Blakey is a U. S. Centennial of Flight Commissioner. FAA also added new features to its Web site, "The Wright Stuff," which can be found online at [www.faa.gov/education](http://www.faa.gov/education).

**Festival of Flight 2003** will be an 11-day celebration of the achievements in aviation, encompassing both a look back at the heritage of flight and a look to the future of aviation and space travel. The event, which will be held in Fayetteville, N.C., will include an art festival with a variety of aviation-inspired fine art, music and drama; a hot air balloon launch; kite-flying

demonstrations; general aviation and military air shows; a seven-day exposition covering some 120,000 square feet of exhibit space; and daily fly-overs of 1910, 1911 and 1912 Wright brothers replicas. Festival of Flight has placed a significant emphasis on education, and will compel students' interest in aviation and flight technology through interactive exhibits, celebrity speakers and a live satellite link with the International Space Station. Students will also have exclusive access to the exposition and a yearlong, statewide educational program. [www.festivalofflight.org](http://www.festivalofflight.org)

The **First Flight Centennial Commission** is charged with developing and planning activities to commemorate the centennial of the first flight in North Carolina with Centennial Partners nationwide. The Commission's programs include public awareness, education and special events. Activities in 2003 include: events at Wright Brothers National Memorial December 12-17; Fayetteville Festival of Flight May 16-26; World Flight 2003 invitational fly-in for pilots; First Flight Symphony; North Carolina Class of 2003; and legacy projects in the visual and performing arts at the Outer Banks and across the state. [www.firstflightnc.org](http://www.firstflightnc.org)

The **First Flight Centennial Foundation** is located in North Carolina. The Foundation's objectives include improving Wright Brothers National Memorial, helping to produce the First Flight Centennial event on site in December 2003, and sharing the story of the Wright brothers and their achievements through specific events and activities. The Foundation, a fundraising partner of the National Park Service, has several major projects planned, including: the construction of a semi-permanent Centennial pavilion at the Wright Brothers National Memorial and capital improvements to the Wright Memorial. Dick Howard, president of the Foundation, is a U. S. Centennial of Flight Commissioner. [www.firstflightcentennial.org](http://www.firstflightcentennial.org)

**Inventing Flight: Dayton 2003** is charged with promoting aviation, the Wright brothers, and the role of Ohio in the birth and future of flight. The height of activities in Dayton will occur from July 3-20, 2003, when Deeds Park, a 12-acre site near downtown Dayton, will be transformed into Celebration Central. Other activities will include: a hot air balloon race, Dayton Air Show, International Airship Meet, National Aviation Hall of Fame Ceremonies, commissioned symphonic works, photography exhibits, Inventing Flight Class of 2003, curriculum and choreographed dance works. J. Bradford Tillson, chairman of Inventing Flight: Dayton 2003, is a U. S. Centennial of Flight Commissioner. [www.inventingflight.com](http://www.inventingflight.com)

**NASA**, by supporting the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission in observing the Centennial of Flight anniversary, will carry out the element of its mission "to inspire the next generation of explorers." NASA Headquarters and the nine NASA Field Centers are planning education-based activities to celebrate the Centennial. NASA also offers a variety of educational resources for all ages on their Web site. The guiding principles for U.S. exploration of air and space have remained remarkably consistent for more than 80 years. In 1915, Congress created an organization that would "supervise and direct the scientific study of the problems of flight, with a view to their practical solutions." That organization, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, evolved into NASA in 1958 when Congress formed a civilian agency to lead the expansion of human knowledge of phenomena in the atmosphere and space. NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe is a U. S. Centennial of Flight Commissioner. [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov)

To honor the Centennial in the spirit of the Wright brothers' brilliant creativity, **Rockefeller Center**, a global cultural landmark and commercial business center located in New York City, will host *GE Presents Centennial of Flight at Rockefeller Center* July 28-Aug. 17, 2003. The event will present the historical, political and

social growth of aviation, beginning with the miraculous first flight and leading up to the most current, awe-inspiring discoveries of the day. Combining exhibitry and hardware from NASA, U.S. Air Force and naval aviation, among others, the display will offer a celebration of the greatest achievements in aviation innovation and future endeavors. [www.rockefellercenter.com](http://www.rockefellercenter.com)

The mission of the **Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum** is to "commemorate, educate and inspire." In October 2003, the museum will open the centennial exhibition, "The Wright Brothers & The Invention of the Aerial Age." A thorough presentation of the Wrights' technical achievements will be paired with a rich examination of the cultural impact of early powered flight. The gallery will feature the original 1903 Wright Flyer, displayed on the ground for the first time since acquired by the Smithsonian. In December 2003, the museum will open the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Northern Virginia. This companion facility will house the 80 percent of the national collection that has not been generally accessible to the public. National Air and Space Museum Director General J. R. "Jack" Dailey is Chairman of the U. S. Centennial of Flight Commission. [www.nasm.si.edu](http://www.nasm.si.edu).

The **Space Day Foundation** is dedicated to space-related education and to motivating students to acquire math, science and engineering technical skills. The organization's core activity is Space Day, the capstone of a massive grass-roots educational initiative reaching thousands of teachers and millions of students in the United States, Canada and beyond. In 2003, the Space Day theme, "Space Day 2003: Celebrating the Future of Flight," will complement the efforts of the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission by encouraging young people's enthusiasm for flight and innovation. [www.spaceday.com](http://www.spaceday.com)

**U.S. Air Force Centennial of Flight Office**. In January 2001, the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force established the U.S. Air Force Centennial of Flight Office to research, plan and coordinate the U.S. Air Force's active participation in the worldwide celebration. Their objectives are to build, maintain and strengthen relationships within the worldwide aviation community through the support of, and participation in, Centennial of Flight activities; and to research, develop, coordinate and support opportunities (both internal and external) to promote a deeper understanding of America's Air Force as part of our proud heritage and our vision. [www.centennialofflight.af.mil](http://www.centennialofflight.af.mil)

### Official Media Patron

**Third Millennium Entertainment, LLC** has developed and will produce "Born of Dreams – Inspired by Freedom," a two-hour international network television special hosted by stars and highlighted by celebrity performances. The program, formatted in the styles of the Academy Awards and Kennedy Center Honors, will celebrate the outstanding aviation events of the last century, the present and the future. It will also honor today's "heroes" – the men and women in each of our armed services protecting our country. The program will be taped on November 21st and will air on December 13, 2003. [TMETV@aol.com](mailto:TMETV@aol.com) for more information.

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